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AN APPEAL TO THE PUBLICK:

OR, A

Plain Narrative of Facts,

Relating to the Proceedings of a PARTY

OF THE

GOVERNORS

OF THE

New General-Hospital at BATH,

AGAINST

Mr. *Archibald Cleland,*

(One of the Surgeons of the said *Hospital*)

At an Extraordinary Meeting of the GOVERNORS, held in their *General Committee-Room*, the 21st of *September*, 1743.

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THE PREFACE.

THE Reputation and Character, which every Honeſt Man wiſhes to maintain in the World, is ſo dear and tender in his own Eye, and of ſuch Conſequence to his Family and Friends, that when we find ourſelves openly attack'd in our good Name, or privately vilified by Slander, evil Reports, and oblique Inſinuations, we cannot too publickly, or too firmly repel the Injury. Stabs given in the Dark, are not only the moſt dangerous, but the moſt painful we can receive. The Torture of theſe poiſon'd Arrows is felt, when the Hand, by which they are ſent, too often remains unknown: And it is, perhaps, one of the greateſt Misfortunes incident to Human Nature, that the ſmooth and artful Methods of Back-biting and Calumny, pierce thro' Armour, that wou'd be impenetrable to open Blows, or lawful Engines of Enmity. But as Self-Defence is not only allowable, but neceſſary, where our Credit is undeſervedly ſtained, aud our Reputa-

tion unjuſtly blaſted, I hope I may ſtand excus'd to the Publick, if I lay before them the following Narrative; and appeal to the Candour of all Impartial Judges, Whether the Sentence (paſs'd upon Me by the Majority of the Governors, *at their Meeting, upon the Day, and at the Place, mention'd in the Title Page) be the Effect of Juſtice and Equity, or only the Reſult of an artful Scheme, long ſince contriv'd, and now executed, to blemiſh Me in My Character, and ruin Me in My Profeſſion?*

THE Station, and Avocations of my Life have been ſuch, as not only render me unwilling, but unfit, to appear as an Author, if the Subject requir'd Art and Decoration to ſet it off: But a Caſe of this Kind requires no Illuſtration. Matters of Fact demand no Ornament, but Truth: And I have ſo ſtrictly adher'd to the Rules of Veracity, that I have only mention'd the Incidents, as they happen'd, without commenting or enlarging upon them; or indulging myſelf with the leaſt Degree of Retaliation, for the baſe Treatment, and the extraordinary Perſecution I have received.

I could wiſh indeed, in Regard to the Delicacy of of the Female Sex, that an Affair of this Nature, (fit only to be diſcuſs'd by Phyſicians, and Perſons of my own Profeſſion) had not appear'd in Print. But as I had no other Method of clearing myſelf from thoſe Aſperſions, under which I labour'd; and as I have endeavour'd, that neither any indecent, or light Expreſſion ſhould be made Uſe of in the minute Account, I have been oblig'd to ſend in this

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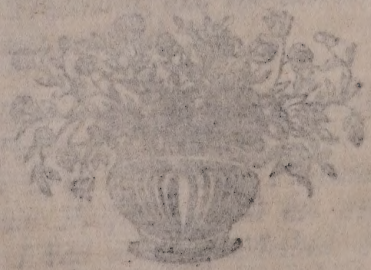
Manner into the World; I humbly hope I may ſtand acquitted of any Breach of good Manners, or Decorum, in Publiſhing the following Sheets. The Perſons, who have oblig'd me to ſuch a Proceeding, are anſwerable for every diſagreeable Part that may appear in it. If they throw Dirt and Filth upon me in the Dark, or within the narrow Circle of their own Power; I muſt wipe it off in the Light. And therefore I appeal to the Publick, and am reſolv'd to ſtand or fall by their Determination.

Archibald Cleland.

BATH.
Nov. 1743.



AN APPEAL TO THE PUBLICK, &c.

BEFORE it was publickly known, that the GOVERNORS of the NEW GENERAL HOSPITAL intended to chooſe any additional Surgeons, beſides Mr. *Pierce*, who was already elected, the ſaid Mr. *Pierce* had apply'd to all the Governors in this Place, to acquaint them, That an Aſſiſtant Surgeon wou'd ſoon be requir'd, and had requeſted their Intereſt, in Favour of Mr. *Palmer*, late his Apprentice. The other Surgeons in Town, being inform'd of this Deſign, made their Application, with great Aſſiduity, to all the Governors, each ſoliciting his own Election. Mr. CLELAND was an utter Stranger to any ſuch Intention of the Committee, 'till the Night before they met to receive

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Propoſals from the Surgeons, who offer'd their Service, and to iſſue out Orders for calling a General Court for their Election.

AT this Committee, Mr. *Allen*, the Preſident, deſir'd to know, *Whether Application had been made by any other Surgeons, than thoſe who had already offer'd.*——One of the Governors ſaid, *That if Mr.* CLELAND *had known what the Committee met upon, He was certain that He likewiſe wou'd have offer'd his Service, for the Good of the Charity.* Upon which, it was ordered, to give Mr. CLELAND leave to apply, if He deſir'd it. Mr. *Pierce* immediately after this, (under Pretence of conſulting the Good of the *Hoſpital)* propos'd theMaking of the following Order, *viz.* " That no Perſon ſhould be " admitted as Surgeon to the ſaid *Hoſpital*, but ſuch " only as had ſerv'd Seven Years Apprenticeſhip to " a Perſon of Reputation in his Profeſſion."—— This was unanimouſly agreed to, and a Copy of the Order then made, ſent to Mr. CLELAND, with the Notice, as above.

WHETHER this Propoſal (from the Circumſtance of its being thus timed) was not wholly calculated to preclude Mr. CLELAND's being choſen Surgeon to the *Hoſpital*, (Mr. *Pierce* not being ignorant, that He had ſerved Five Years only, according to the general Uſage of *Scotland)* I ſhall not take upon me to ſay——let the unprejudiced Reader determine.

WHEN the Election for Surgeons came on, this Order was produc'd againſt Mr. CLELAND, as a Perſon not qualified to offer Himſelf, as a Candidate. Whereupon the Right Hon. the Earl of

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Chesterfield desir'd the several Papers relating to Mr. CLELAND's Qualifications might be read: This being done, his Lordship observed, *That tho' they did not come up to the Literal Sense of their Order, yet He apprehended, they reach'd the Spirit of it.*—— This not being objected to by any One, Mr. CLELAND (notwithstanding the above-mention'd Order) was elected, with the other Three Surgeons, *June* the 24th, 1742.

The Particulars of Mr. CLELAND's *Services.*

MR. *Archibald Cleland* serv'd his Apprenticeship, of Five Years, (according to the Usage in *Scotland*) to Mr. *James Robinson*, an eminent Surgeon in *Edinburgh*.

IN 1720, He attended the Practice of St. *Thomas*'s-*Hospital* in *London*, one entire Year, as is specify'd by two Certificates.

IN 1721, He went to *Paris*, where he attended at the *Hotel de Dieu*, *de La Charite*, and the *General Hospital*, the *Physick School*, and the Lectures at the *Royal Botanick Garden*; and went thro' several Courses of Anatomy, Surgery, and Midwifry, with *Du Verney*, Doctor *Winslow*, *Tibeau*, *Gregoire*; and also a Course with Doctor *Wilhouse*, for Disorders of the Eyes.

IN 1723, Upon his Return to *London*, He was, (by Order of the South-Sea Company) examined by the Surgeons of St. *Bartholomew*'s *Hospital*, as appears by their Certificate; and, by the said Company, appointed First Surgeon to their Annual Ship, and the Factory at *La Vera Cruz*. On his Return, He received the Publick Thanks of the Committee of Shipping, for his good Services; and a handsome Gratuity in Money, over and above his Salary.

IN 1726, He was again employ'd by the said Company, and went to *Carthagena* and *Porto-Bello*, and continued at the first Place 'till the Reprizelia, when He was made Prisoner, and arriv'd at *Jamaica*, where He practis'd Surgery, and Midwifry, 'till He left that Place, and came to *England* in 1731.

IN 1733, He was (by his Majesty) appointed Surgeon to a Regiment of Horse, commanded by the Hon. *George Wade*, Esq; in which He continued 'till the Year 1741, when He quitted that Regiment, and settled at BATH.

FROM this Time of his Election, Mr. CLELAND attended the Sick in the *Hospital*, with great Diligence and Readineſs, both at the regular Times, and when call'd upon, either in the Night or Day; as is well known to every One belonging to the *Hoſpital*; and particularly to a Female Patient, under the Care of Dr. *Harrington*, and Mr. *Pierce*, who ſent for Him often, even in the Night-Time; ſhe having received a Hurt in Child-Bed.—His Charity in aſſiſting this Woman, (tho' not his own Patient) was not then blamed, altho' it has ſince been ſo much clamour'd againſt, and made the Foundation of this unheard-of Proſecution.——However, notwithſtanding his regular Attendance of the Sick, and never leaving his Patients in the *Hoſpital*, (when ſent for elſewhere) without deſiring ſome other Surgeon to take Care of them, during his Abſence: He was frequently inform'd of ſeveral Attempts made by his Brethren, to wound his Character, and prejudice his Reputation, both in the *Hoſpital* and City: But (as He was always conſcious of the Juſtneſs of his Intentions, and the Rectitude of his Practice) He hoped, by not taking Notice of thoſe malicious Slanders and Reports, to have ſoftned and ſubdued all their Envy.

BUT Malice (ever intent upon accompliſhing its own Ends) cou'd not help perverting his innocent Intentions, and beſt Endeavours, to relieve the poor Patients, to a quite contrary Purport, ſo as even to repreſent them under the odious Names of Indecency and Lewdneſs.

ACCORDINGLY, He was told in the Publick Rooms, (the Firſt of *September* laſt) by Dr. *Oliver*,

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That some Noise had been made in the Hospital *about his examining Two Women:*—One of whom was a Patient belonging to Dr. *Rayner*, and the other to Dr. *Oliver*; and both to Mr. *Wright*, as Surgeon. The Doctor ask'd Mr. CLELAND, *If he had heard any Thing of it?*—Who declar'd, *He had not*; but said, *That He had examin'd Two Women, at their own Request, who had sent to Him for that Purpose*; adding, *That He would meet the Doctor the next Day, at the* Hospital, *and satisfy Him in that Matter.*—He went according to Appointment; and, in his Way, call'd upon Doctor *Rayner*, and told Him what He had heard from Doctor *Oliver*, as above: Withal, desiring Him to meet them at the *Hospital*, upon that Affair. Doctor *Rayner* seemed much surpriz'd at this Account; and declared He had heard nothing of it.

WHEN Mr. CLELAND came to the *Hospital*, He went into the *Princesses-Ward*, and called the Nurses and Patients in that Ward together, and publickly asked them all, *If ever He had done, or offer'd any Thing bad or indecent to any of them:*—And they all answered, *No.*——Then He asked, *If any of them had made any Complaints against Him to any Person?*—And they all answered in the Negative.——Afterwards, directing his Discourse to *Mary Hook*, (one of the Informants) He asked, *If she in particular, had not complain'd to Doctor* Oliver *and Mr.* Wright?—And she declar'd she *had not*:——But that upon their Enquiry, whether Mr. CLELAND had examin'd her or not; she answered, *He had.*——Upon which Mr. CLELAND said, *He hoped she had told them the Reasons for it, and that it*

was at her own Requeſt He did it.—She reply'd, *That ſhe did not deſire* Sarah Appleby *to bring Him to her :*—Tho He believes that every Perſon in that Ward knew, that He was ſent for by Her for that Purpoſe.

Mr. CLELAND then went into the Phyſicians Room, and told Doctor *Oliver*, Doctor *Rayner*, Mr. *Wright*, and Mr. *Palmer*, *That it was true He had examin'd thoſe Women ; and that it was at their own Requeſt, and with a View to be ſerviceable to them.*—He, at the ſame Time, gave the Phyſicians and Surgeons his Reaſons for it ; and deſired they would call the Nurſes and Patients down before them, to hear what they had to ſay. But this they refuſed, and ſeemed to be ſatisfied with the Account They had received.

FROM this Time *(viz.* from the 2d to the 7th of *September)* Mr. CLELAND attended the Houſe, as uſual, and concluded the whole Affair to be over. But (as he was afterwards informed) ſome of the Phyſicians and Surgeons, together with Mr. *Morris* the Houſe-Apothecary, had, during this Interval, ſeveral private Meetings in the Matron's Room ; where it is apprehended the whole Scheme was concerted. Whether this was done, by perverting what Mr. CLELAND had told them, as above, or by inſtructing the Women, or extorting from them ſuch Things, as they did not expect they ſhould be obliged to ſwear to, muſt be left to the Judgment of every candid Reader.——Only let it be obſerved, that neither of theſe Informants, either before or after the Tryal, ever pretended to have made any Complaint.

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AT ſome of theſe Private Meetings above-mentioned, Mr. *Morris* drew up Two Papers, which were afterwards produced before a Committee of the Governors, upon a Motion made to them by Mr. *Bertrand*; who told them, *That he had Something of the* * *Blackeſt and moſt Heinous Nature to lay before them, againſt Mr.* ARCHIBALD CLELAND, *one of the Surgeons to that Houſe.*—Theſe Papers were then produced and read; when Mr. *Allen*, the Mayor, (interpoſing the Authority of the Magiſtrate, and urging, that this ought to be enquired into in a judicial Manner) ordered *Mary Hook* and *Mary Hudſon* to be called, and the above-ſaid Papers to be read to them; at the ſame Time, directing the Deputy Town-Clerk, (who was ſent for upon this Occaſion) to make fair Copies of them. They were then ſworn, without being examined to any Particulars, but only in General, to the Truth of what was therein contained; without having the Nature of an Oath explained to them, or giving Mr. CLELAND the leaſt Notice of any Charge againſt Him, or Opportunity to make his Defence.——A Proceeding this, as contrary to Law, as to natural

* Let the Reader here obſerve, with a particular Attention, that this was the Perſon that firſt brought this Affair before the Houſe; and endeavoured afterwards to make every One he convers'd with, look upon it in the ſame Light, as the Committee had done.—Upon Mr. CLELAND's aſking him, *Why he repreſented it in ſuch dreadful Colours*; he anſwered, *That it was his* French *Manner of expreſſing himſelf; was very ſorry for what had happen'd; and offer'd (if He thought it wou'd be of any Service to him) to go out of Town, when it came on.*—Mr. CLELAND told him, *That, as he hop'd Him an Honeſt Man, &c. deſir'd he wou'd ſtay, and do Juſtice.*

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Juſtice and Equity; and entirely ſubverſive of all the Rules of Charity and Civil Society. The Committee immediately voted Him to be ſuſpended, and the following Notice thereof to be ſent to Him.

SIR,

BY Order of the Committee of the Governors of the General Hoſpital, *You are ſuſpended viſiting the ſaid* Hoſpital, *untill the next General Meeting, on* Wedneſday *the 21ſt Inſtant, at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon; where You are deſir'd to attend, to anſwer certain Informations given againſt You, upon Oath, before the Mayor.*

I am,

SIR,

Your moſt humble Servant,

Edward Brett, Regiſter.

Sept. 7, 1743.
At a Meeting of the Committee.

EARLY the next Morning, Mr. CLELAND went to the Regiſter, and demanded Copies of the Informations ſworn againſt Him, before the Mayor, which were refus'd him; the Regiſter ſaying, *It had been moved in the Committee, and denied: But that he was ordered to acquaint Him, that it was for examining Two Women, Patients in the* Hoſpital, *without being deſir'd by thoſe Women.*—The *Thurſ-*

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day following Mr. CLELAND met Mr. *Brett*, the Regiſter, in the Street, who then told Him, *That he had got the Copies of the Affidavits ſworn againſt Him, to deliver to Him.*——Mr. CLELAND aſked, *Whom He was oblig'd to for them; and whether they were given, as from Mr.* Brett *to Mr.* CLELAND; *or by Order of any other Perſon?*—To which Mr. *Brett* replied, *That as Yeſterday there was no Committee; and as it was obſerved by ſeveral, that it was an Hardſhip he ſhould be refuſed the Copies ſworn againſt Him; He was therefore order-ed, by Doctor* Oliver, *to carry them to Him.*

FROM this Time Mr. CLELAND was preparing for his Defence, and thought it might be of Service to Him to ſpeak with ſome of the Patients in the *Hoſpital:* Accordingly, on the 20th, he went thither, and carried with Him Doctor *Wright*, and Mr. *James Pitcher*; and aſked Mr. *Jay*, the Apothecary's Journeyman, *If the Matron was at Home?* who told Him, *She was in her Room.*—Mr. CLELAND went thither, and aſked her, *If He might go up to the* Princeſſes-Ward, *and deſire the Nurſes and Patients to be Witneſſes of what they knew concerning this Affair; and to take down their Names, that He might call upon them, when he came before the Committee?*——She told him, *That ſhe had poſitive Orders from the Governors, to let Nobody go up to ſpeak to any Perſon there.*—Upon which Mr. CLELAND bid her remember, *that He had aſk-ed her, and that ſhe had refus'd Him.*——This Particular is written down, and ſign'd by *Alexander Wright*, and *James Pitcher.*

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AT this Time, Doctor *Smart*, and Mr. *Trevanian*, (two Gentlemen from *Cheltenham*) who had heard of ſo malicious a Proſecution going on againſt Mr. CLELAND, came voluntarily over to *Bath*, to give Evidence to the Character of *Mary Hook*, (one of the Informants;) and as they knew all Acceſs to the *Hoſpital* was denied to Mr. CLELAND, and Copies of the Informations ſworn againſt him refus'd; * there was the ſtrongeſt Reaſon to apprehend, that ſome indirect Methods had been made Uſe of, to procure this Affidavit from her: And, in Order to come to the Bottom of this Affair, they deſired *Mary Hook*'s Mother to go over to *Bath*, and try, if ~~they~~ could not get from her Daughter, the true Springs and Motives of it.

As ſoon as old *Mary Hook* arrived in *Bath*, ſhe went to the *Hoſpital* to ſee her Daughter, and there was detain'd: So that neither Doctor *Smart*'s nor Mr. *Trevanion*'s Servants were permitted to ſee or ſpeak to Her. The Porter of the *Hoſpital* told them, *That there were poſitive Orders given, that no Perſon ſhould ſee or ſpeak to her, 'till the Committee broke up.*—But it appear'd plainly afterwards, that this Detention of her, and Prohibition from ſeeing any Body, was owing entirely to Mr. *Morris*, the Houſe-Apothecary

AN extraordinary Meeting of the Governors (to enquire into Mr. CLELAND's Conduct) was held on *Wedneſday* the 21ſt of *September*, 1743, before Doctor *Oliver*, one of the Phyſicians of the *Hoſpi-*

* The above two Gentlemen did not know Mr. CLELAND had receiv'd Copies of the Informations, 'till they came to BATH.

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tal, and Deputy-Preſident, in the Chair; Doctor *Harrington*, and Doctor *Rayner*, two other Phyſicians to the Houſe; *Ralph Allen*, Eſq; Mayor of *Bath*; Doctor *Hartley*; Doctor *Brewſter*; the Rev. Mr. *Walter Chapman*, Maſter of St. *John*'s-*Hoſpital*; the Rev. Mr. *John Chapman*, Chaplain to the Mayor; the Rev. Dr. *Bennet Stevenſon*; Mr. *Pierce*, Surgeon; Mr. *Ruſh*, Apothecary; Mr. *Griſt*, Apothecary; Mr. *Morris*, Apothecary to the *Hoſpital*; Mr. *Purlewent*, an Attorney and Steward to the Mayor; Mr. *Bertrand*; Mr. *Hoare*; Mr. *Allen*, Poſt-Maſter; Mr. *Stagg*; Mr. *Leake*; GOVERNORS.

As ſoon as they had taken their Places, Mr. CLELAND was called in, and ordered a Chair. * Then Dr. *Oliver*, the Deputy-Preſident told Him, *That this extraordinary Committee was held, to hear what He had to ſay to the Two Informations ſworn againſt Him.* Then Mr. Regiſter was aſked to produce them; which being delivered to the Chairman, he read them, and are, as in the APPENDIX, N° 1, and N° 2.

THEN Mr. CLELAND deſired to know of the Committee, *Which of the Informations they pleaſed to go upon Firſt?*——The Rev. Mr. *Walter Chapman* moved, *That, before they enter'd upon the Diſcuſſion of either, the Ninth Article of the General Order of the Houſe might be read,*——

* But Mr. *Ruſh* firſt deſired the Gentlemen to conſider, That the Affair they were going to enter upon, was of the utmoſt Conſequence to Mr. CLELAND, and his Family; and alſo to the *Hoſpital*: And therefore hoped they wou'd proceed with all poſſible Caution and Tenderneſs, in a Caſe of ſo delicate a Nature.

which the Committee wou'd willingly have waved: But it being inſiſted upon by Mr. CLELAND, it was accordingly done,——and is, as follows:

" THAT the Houſe-Viſitors ſhall enquire into the " Management of the whole Houſe, receive the " Complaints of the Patients and Servants, each of " which they ſhall examine apart, and enter an Ac- " count thereof in a Book, kept for that Purpoſe; " which Account ſhall be read at the next Com- " mittee."

Mr. *Chapman* deſired then to know, *If they had, in this Caſe, comply'd with that Order*, viz. *Whether any Complaint had been made to the Houſe-Viſitors, and by them enter'd and reported?*——Mr. *Allen*, the Mayor, made Anſwer, *That this was of no Uſe to the preſent Caſe; for the Complaint alledged was ſworn to, and that this Motion tended only to ſtifle the whole Enquiry: That indeed one Way of Information to the Committee was, by the Houſe-Viſitors; but that this did not preclude them from receiving Informations, in any other Manner which ſhou'd be offer'd to them: And if he, (Mr.* Chapman) *cou'd ſay nothing more to the Purpoſe, he had better ſay Nothing.*

IT was further inſinuated by *ſeveral of the Committee*, (and by Doctor *Hartly* in particular) *That this Motion was made with a bad Deſign:* But in Truth, the only View propoſed by it, was to find out (if poſſible) from whence this Complaint Originally came; it being evident, (as was before obſerved) that the Women, THEMSELVES, *never made any.*

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THE Rev. Doctor *Stevenſon*, and Mr. *Buſh*, the Apothecary, (who were Houſe-Viſitors Two ſucceſſive Weeks together, with Mr. *Morris*, when this Affair was firſt talk'd off) inſiſted, *That they had been guilty of no Neglect in their Duty; and affirmed, that they every Day went thro' the Wards, and enquired, as directed by the Ninth Article; and not the leaſt Hint of any Complaint had been made by the Patients, or Nurſes: But, on the Contrary, they had Daily declared,* ALL WAS WELL.

Mr. CLELAND obſerved to the Committee, That although They had broke thro' the Orders of the Houſe, in this Private and Clandeſtine Manner of accuſing and condemning Him, it wou'd appear to the Committee, that He had broke thro' none in what He did; and deſired, that *Anne Hughes*, and *Elizabeth Dowdy*, Patients in the Houſe, might be called in before Them; who could give Evidence, *That they had heard* Sarah Appleby, *(deceaſed,) ſeveral Times ſay, (long before Mr.* CLELAND *had examin'd either of theſe Women) that* Mary Hook, *and* Mary Hudſon, *the two Informants, had teazed her, to bring Mr.* CLELAND *to examine them, a Fortnight before ſhe ſpoke to him about it:* And Mr. CLELAND propoſed that they ſhould take their Oath; but this Propoſal was refuſed by the Mayor *.

* AND here let the Reader once more obſerve of Mr. *Bertrand*, That, notwithſtanding what he had ſaid to Mr. CLELAND, (*See Page* 7) and the Impartiality he ought conſequently to have ſhewn in this Affair: He moved the Committee, (when theſe two Women were under Examination) That Mr. *Jay*, the Apothecary's Journeyman, might be called

Now, let the Publick judge, whether any Hardſhip could be greater than that, after Mr. CLELAND was deprived of any Opportunity of ſpeaking [*See Page* 9,] either to the Nurſes or Patients in the *Hoſpital*, (where He believes there ~~was~~ were a great many, who could give Evidence to the Fact of his being ſent for) the Oaths of theſe two Women, who voluntarily offer'd themſelves, ſhou'd be refuſed? And accordingly it was thus ſpoken of by ſeveral of the Committee, who thought it extreamly hard, that every Thing which they imagined made againſt Mr. CLELAND, ſhould be ſo circumſtantially noted down by Mr. *Purlewent*, (one of the Governors, who, at the Deſire of the Mayor, here acted as Attorney, in examining the Witneſſes) and that this material Circumſtance, which entirely wipes off the whole Odium of his examining theſe Informants, againſt their Deſire, ſhould be omitted.——But, notwithſtanding ſo notorious a Partiality, *Elizabeth Dowdy*, and *Anne Hughes*, were diſmiſs'd from the Committee, without being admitted to give their Oath.——However, they afterwards came, of their

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in, to invalidate what *Eliz. Dowdy* had ſaid, and was ready to ſwear to; which the Committee readily granted.——Mr. *Jay* was accordingly called in, and aſked, by Doctor *Oliver*, the Queſtion Mr. *Bertrand* had propoſed, which was, *Did you not hear* Eliz. Dowdy *ſay, That if Mr.* CLELAND *had examin'd her, ſhe wou'd not have complain'd, and that they were very ſorry Huſſies for it?*——Mr. *Jay* declared, *He never heard any Thing of it.*——But, upon his being preſs'd again, by Mr. *Bertrand*, to anſwer, *Whether he had heard ſo?* He anſwered, *That if he had ever heard it, he believed it was ſpoken in a jeſting Manner.*——He was then diſmiſs'd, as alſo the two Women, *Eliz. Dowdy*, and *Anne Hughes*, without being admitted as Evidences in Mr. CLELAND's Favour.

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own Accord, to Mr. CLELAND, and offer'd to ſwear before the New Mayor, Mr. *Biſhop*, what they had been refuſed before: But he not being at home, and they obliged to leave the Town, upon Account of their being diſcharged the *Hoſpital*; the following Certificate was ſigned and atteſted by the ſaid *Elizabeth Dowdy*, and *Anne Hughes*, in the Preſence of Five Creditable Witneſſes:

" THIS is to Certify, That *Elizabeth Dowdy*, " and *Anne Hughes*, Two of the Patients in " the *Hoſpital*, were called in before the Committee " the Twenty-firſt of *September*, 1743, and were " examined, as to the Affair of Mr. CLELAND'S " being ſent for by *Mary Hook*, and *Mary Hud-* " *ſon*, to examine them; and they were ready to " give their Oaths to the Truth of This, but were " refuſed by the Mayor.

" As Witneſs our Hands,

" *The Mark of* Eliz. Dowdy ‡.
" *The Mark of* Anne Hughes ‡.

" *Signed and Atteſted by the ſaid*
" Eliz. Dowdy, *and* Anne Hughes,
" October 22, 1743,
" *In the Preſence of*
" Wm. Hayward,
" Rich. Bennett,
" George Webb,
" Wm. Laurance,
" Benjamin Matthews."

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Mr. CLELAND then asked the Committee, *Who gave Orders to the Matron, that he should not be allowed to go into the Wards, to speak to the Nurses and Patients?*——And was answered by the Mayor, *That it was by his Orders*; and added, *that he thought it very improper he should go thither; and that he would justify what he had done.*

Mr. CLELAND further asked, *By which of the Governors Orders, the Woman that came from* Cheltenham *was detain'd in the* Hospital, *and Orders left with the Porter, that no Person should speak to her, or see her, 'till after the Committee broke up.*—The Mayor said, *He knew nothing of it*; and asked the Rest of the Gentlemen, *if any of them knew of it?* but no Answer was made by any present.——The Mayor then asked the Woman, *If she had been confined?*—She replied, *The Door was open, and she might have gone out, if she would.*—But upon Mr. CLELAND's asking Mr. *Morris, What he knew about it?*—He said, *It was by* His *Orders she was detain'd*; and also, *that she should speak to Nobody*; *and that the Gentlemen had given* Him *Orders accordingly*;——Which surpriz'd Mr. CLELAND very much,—the whole Committee having just before declared, *They knew nothing of it.*

Mr. CLELAND then desired Leave of the Committee, to read his *Narrative* of the *whole Transaction*; and if they wanted any further Proofs, to convince Them of His Innocence, He had Witnesses ready to confirm what He should offer.—— Then Mr. CLELAND read to Them, as follows:

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" ON the 7th Inſtant I receiv'd a Letter from the " Regiſter of the *Hoſpital*, acquainting Me, " *That the Committee had ſuſpended Me from viſit-* " *ing the* Hoſpital, *untill* Wedneſday the 21ſt, *at* " *Five o'Clock in the Evening : And that I was* " *there to anſwer certain Informations, given* " *againſt Me, upon Oath, before the Mayor* ;—— " without acquainting Me further, as to the Par- " ticulars.——Early next Morning, I went to the " Regiſter, and demanded Copies of the Information " which he refus'd Me, ſaying, *It had been moved* " *in the Committee, and denied ; but that he was* " *ordered to acquaint Me, it was for examining* " *Two Women, Patients in the* Hoſpital, *not being* " *deſired by them.*

" IN what Manner, by what Means, and with " what View this Affair came before the Committee, " I am ſtill at a Loſs to know. And altho' I had " lately, by the Directions of a Member of the " Committee, Copies of the Two Informations, I " am even yet ſurprized to have been ſo far con- " demn'd, before Examination, that a Judgment " of Suſpenſion accompanied a Summons to anſwer.

" BUT to ſatisfy every impartial Judge, I ſhall " give an Account of my Motives and Reaſons, " from the Beginning.

" I was concerned for a Patient of Doctor *Ray-* " *ner's*, in this *Hoſpital*, who had applied to Me, " long before ſhe was admitted into this Houſe : " Her Caſe was of a complicated Nature ; ſhe hav- " ing had the Venereal Diſeaſe, and being with " Child at the ſame Time ; and, by taking of Me- " dicines, had miſcarried before I ſaw her : All

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" which I communicated to the Doctor, after " ſhe was taken into this Houſe. Her Name was " *Sarah Appleby*. She was treated, as the Doctor " thought proper, with Bathing, External and In- " ternal Medicines. Sometimes ſhe was eaſy, and " pretty well; at other Times her Fits were ſo " violent, that they threw her into convulſive Mo- " tions; and whilſt they continued upon her, the " Uterus was ſo violently aggitated, as to be obſerved " Outwardly by the Nurſes, and By-Standers, as " well as by Myſelf. And at one Time, upon ex- " amining her Uterus, during the Height of the " Fit, I occaſioned the Expulſion of a Subſtance, " reſembling a Piece of the Placenta, that had been " left behind. By this ſhe was much relieved, and, " for ſome Time afterwards, was free from Fits. " What came away was ſhewn to the Doctor, and " known to all in the Ward. After this, Doctor " *Rayner* and I thought it proper, that an Injection " ſhou'd be thrown into the Uterus, upon her " coming out of the Bath, to procure a further Diſ- " charge; as we had Reaſon to judge, there was " more to come away, ſeeing the Fits, and extra- " ordinary Motions returned again; which Injections " were uſed after the next Bathing. The Doctor " being preſent ſaw my Inſtruments, and approved " of them, as alſo my Method of doing it; and " ſoon after this Trial, ſeveral more Pieces of the " Placenta were brought away.

" THE Intimacy between *Appleby* and *Mary* " *Hook*, (one of the Women I examined) joined " to Doctor *Rayner*'s having called me one Day " with the other Gentlemen then preſent, to exa-

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" mine and obſerve the Outſide of her Belly, made
" made me the Readier to believe the Meſſage that
" was brought me the Second of *Auguſt* laſt, by
" *Sarah Appleby*, viz. *That* Mary Hook *would be*
" *oblig'd to Me, if I would examine her.*—Upon
" which I replied, *If ſhe deſir'd it, I would.*——
" I was then conducted, by *Appleby*, to the Place
" where ſhe was. I found her ſitting upon the
" Window: She got up: I aſked her, *If ſhe de-*
" *ſir'd Me to examine her?*—She ſaid, *If I pleaſed.*
" ——I at the ſame Time told her, *If I obſerved*
" *any Thing amiſs, I would acquaint the Doctor*
" *of it*; for which ſhe thanked me.——I thereupon
" examin'd her Outwardly, in Order to diſcover
" if ſhe was Dropſical, which I ſuſpected from the
" extraordinary Size of her Belly; but could not diſ-
" cover any certain Sign of that Diſtemper.—I aſked
" her, *If ſhe had a Bearing down?*—To which ſhe
" replied, *She could not tell.*——I told her, *I hoped*
" *I ſhould be able to ſatisfy her of that preſently*;
" and deſired her to ſit down upon the Bed-Side,
" and lie Backwards: The other Woman, *Appleby*,
" holding the Curtain all the Time in her Hand;
" the Nurſes and Patients in the Ward, as uſual)
" I then examined her with great Eaſe, and no
" Pain to her, as ſhe owned to me at that Time;
" I found the Os Tincæ, and all the other Parts in
" their natural State: Upon which I told her, I
" did not diſcover any Thing to give the Doctor
" any unneceſſary Trouble, unleſs any Thing new
" ſhould happen. From this Time, to the 14th,
" or thereabouts, ſhe continued well. A Day or
" two after, ſeeing her Face very high-colour'd, I

" went to the Bed-Side, and asked her, *How she did?*—She told me, *She had a Fever, with great Heat and Drought; and that she believed she was going to have a Return of her old Distemper*, viz. *the Leprosy*; her Skin being covered all over with a dry Scurf, or Scales. She shewed me her Neck, Belly, Sides, and Arms, which were as she described; and I examin'd her no further then. The last Time I examined her was, I believe, on the 19th of *August*; being sent for that Day to *Appleby*, who was in great Pain, and received much Relief now, (as before) from the fore-mention'd Injection. It was done in the Nurses Room, or Bed-Place, the Nurse assisting me with what was necessary, during the Time of the Operation: (and not this *Mary Hook*, as Doctor *Oliver* affirmed to me he had heard) When I had done this, and opened the Door, I saw this *Mary Hook*, and called her to me, and enquired *how she did*. She told me, *She had that Roughness on her Skin, which she had shewed me before.* —I told her, *I believed Bathing would cure her of that Complaint, if she had no other.*——She then told me further, *That she had a Stoppage in her Water; and it was with Pain, when she made any.*——I asked her, *If she had any Swelling, or Weight that bore down; or if ever she had been subject to the Gravel?*—She replied, *She could not tell.*——I was then sitting cleaning my Instruments, which I had just used with *Appleby*, (she being then upon the Bed in Fits, and as I believe, the Nurse upon the Bed, holding of her) I then bid *Hook* come nearer to me;

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" which she did. Then taking some Oil upon my " Hand, I examined her, with as much Exactness " as I could, she standing all the while: But I could " find no Reason for the Pain she complain'd of; " neither did she at this, or any other Time, ever " complain that I hurt her; neither did I observe " the least Sign of Blood.

" From the first Time I had examined *Mary Hook*, by the Doctor's Direction, I had conceived " a Notion, that she was with Child: And my be- " ing sent for, in the Manner related, gave me an " Opportunity of being fully satisfied in that Point, " for the following Reasons: If it was as I suspected, " by a timely Notice to the House, it would pre- " vent Them from being imposed upon; and the " continuing that Course of Medicines and Bathing, " must then infallibly have brought on a Miscarri- " age, and in all Probability, a long Train of Ill- " nesses, that might end in Death; as in the Case of " *Appleby*, who died the 27th; and it would also " have brought a Reflection in general on the *Hospital*, " and particularly on Those who attended her, for " not having enquired into her Case more minutely.

" As there is no Law, Rule, or Order of this " House, that restrains Me, or any other Surgeon " belonging to it, from examining the Patients in " General; and Charity, and the Desire of Reliev- " ing the Afflicted being My only Motives for in- " terfering with these Women, I never suspected " I should have given any Offence by it. I there- " fore persuade Myself I shall not only stand ac- " quitted from the Calumny brought on my Repu- " tation; but have the Approbation of all People

" of Candour. Nor could I ever have imagined " this could be imputed as a Crime to *Me*, being " a Liberty taken by *another* Surgeon in this *Hoſ-* " *pital:* Mr. *Pierce* having ſome Time before " ſtripp'd off a Dreſſing from the Foot of a Pa- " tient of Mine in this Houſe; withal telling him, " *If he had any more ſuch Dreſſings, he would never* " *be well:*—Tho' by My continuing the Same, he " was cured in Ten or Twelve Days afterwards.

" The Particulars of *Mary Hudſon*'s Caſe, who " has likewiſe made an Information againſt Me, is " beſt known to Doctor *Oliver*; and no more " than what appeared to this Houſe, came to my " Knowledge, *viz.* That ſhe had violent long Fits, " much Struglings, and made great Noiſe, which " frightened ſeveral more in the Ward into Fits; " and in particular, my Patient *Appleby*, who, " at her own Requeſt, carried me to her, about " eight Days before. Doctor *Oliver* and Others, " with Myſelf, having examined her, as to the " fixed Pain in her Belly, I took Occaſion one Day " (when I was ſent for to *Appleby* in Fits, this " Woman, *Hudſon*, being alſo in Fits in the oppo- " poſite Bed, the Nurſes and others holding of her) " to call the Nurſe, to lay her Hand upon that Place " on her Belly, where ſhe complain'd ſhe had the " fix'd Pain, and obſerve if ſhe felt any irregular " Motion under her Hand; Upon which ſhe called " to me, and ſaid, *She did feel ſomething move* " *there, and roll about.* I went to her, and, be- " fore them all, laid my Hand upon the Part, and " felt the ſame. It was ſituated a little above the " Os Pubis, inclining towards the Right Hypo-

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" gaſtrium. I then examined her Inwardly, to " obſerve, if what I had felt before, was the Mo- " tion of the Uterus: But I did not perceive it " move Inwardly. Whether it was, that the Fits " were going off, or the Motion we perceived Out- " wardly, was occaſioned by Wind pent up in the " Bowels, I cannot tell; neither could I diſcover " any Motion in the Uterus, by two more Trials I " made Internally, in the Preſence of the Nurſes " and Patients in the Ward. The firſt Time I ex- " amin'd her, ſhe could know nothing of it; and " the other Times, to all Appearance, ſcarcely ſen- " ſenble, when it was done. My Intention by " theſe Examinations, when ſhe was in the Fits, " was to diſcover, if the Uterus was the Seat and " Cauſe of this, and her other Complaints, as it is " in many Hyſterick Caſes.

" I now ſubmit it to every One's Conſideration, " Whether what I have thus done, in ſo Publick " and Open a Manner, and in Preſence of ſo many " People, can be ſuppoſed to be contrary to the " Deſire, or againſt the Will of the Perſons them- " ſelves? For if it had, they would, at ſuch Times, " have expreſſed ſome Diſlike, or ſhewn ſome Re- " luctancy. And I am certain, that any unpreju- " dic'd Perſon, who conſiders the true Nature and " Cauſes of many of thoſe Fits, will find, that they " cannot arrive at a perfect Knowledge of them, " without diligent Inquiry, accurate Obſervations, " frequent Examinations, and cloſe Attendance, in " and out of the Fits; which may in Time direct " to a rational Method of relieving them.

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" I ſhould be glad to know from the Gentlemen " preſent, Who deſerves the Thanks of this Houſe " moſt; one who never refuſed to go out at all " Hours in the Night or Day, to relieve the Diſ- " treſſes of his own, and Other's Patients, when " call'd upon, (as the whole Houſe can teſtify for " me) or thoſe who are called upon, and pray'd, " for God's Sake, to relieve them?——but decline " this Charitable Office, ſaying, *They are Patients* " *to another Surgeon, and They may ſend for them.*"

THIS *Narrative* being finiſh'd, Mr. CLELAND aſked the Committee, *If they were now ſatisfied, as to the Injuſtice of the Reflections thrown upon Him, by* Mary Hook's *Evidence, in what related to* Sarah Appleby's *Caſe?*——But this they dropp'd *.

IT may not be improper to acquaint the Reader, That when this Affair was firſt talk'd of in the *Hoſpital*, the chief Thing to be laid to Mr. CLELAND's Charge, was the Death of *Sarah Appleby*, (as Doctor *Oliver* ſeem'd to inſinuate;) and that of examining the other two Patients, was but a Prologue to this Deſign: And it happen'd well for Mr. CLELAND, that a Gentleman of Doctor *Rayner*'s Character, was concerned with him for this *Appleby*, who approved of his Method of treating her. For had this been known before to thoſe, who firſt fram'd theſe Affidavits, they probably would not have introduced, into the latter Part of *Mary Hook*'s Information, what ſhe relates, and ſwears to, con-

* Mr. *Buſh* ſaid, *If he was a Surgeon, he wou'd never examine any Patient of the* Hoſpital, *(let their Diſorder be what it would) above the Shoe-Strings, or below the Necklace.*

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cerning Mr. CLELAND's having done *Appleby's* Buſineſs: And that it may appear ſtill the Worſe, Doctor *Oliver* obſerved to ſeveral Gentlemen afterwards, *That he did not underſtand what Mr.* CLELAND *meant by ſuch frequent Injections and Examinations of* Sarah Appleby's *Uterus; for when ſhe was open'd, the Uterus appear'd to him in a Virgin State.* —To which, one of the Gentlemen there preſent replied, ſmiling, *That to his Knowledge, ſhe not long before had had a Baſtard; and that her Miſcarriage was procured by taking Medicines improperly, Part of the Placenta remaining behind*; which was communicated by Mr. CLELAND to Doctor *Rayner*, and afterwards confirm'd to him by *Appleby*'s own Confeſſion, who deſir'd it might be kept a Secret.—And this was believed to be the Cauſe of all her Complaints and Death.

UPON reſuming the Hiſtory of *Mary Hook*'s Character, Mr. CLELAND obſerved, that it was notoriouſly bad, and that He believed, that when the Committee had heard it from Doctor *Smart*, and Mr. *Trevanian*, (who came on Purpoſe from *Cheltenham*) they would lay but little Streſs upon what ſhe had ſworn, or could ſay in this Caſe. The Mayor inſiſting that *Mary Hook*'s Mother's Evidence ſhould be taken; it was with much Difficulty that Doctor *Stevenſon* could prevail with the Committee to defer it, 'till after they had heard what Doctor *Smart*, and Mr. *Trevanian* had to ſay, touching this Affair.

DOCTOR *Smart* being called in, Mr. CLELAND was ordered to withdraw, as He generally was, when any Witneſſes were examining in his Behalf. Doctor *Smart*

Smart then inform'd the Committee, as to the Character of *Mary Hook*; but, before he was allowed to proceed, he was aſked many impertinent Queſtions by Doctor *Hartley*, Mr. *Purlewent*, and Others; ſuch as, *What brought him over?*——*Whether Mr.* CLELAND *had ſent for him?*—*What Letter he had received*;—*And from whom?*—*What the Contents of it were?*——Nor would they permit him to be ſworn, as to the Character of *Mary Hook*, untill he had produced the Letter. This was ſtrongly inſiſted upon by Doctor *Hartley*; but Doctor *Smart* declared, *The Letter was not from Mr.* CLELAND; *and that he was not at Liberty to tell from whom he had received it, without Leave firſt granted by the Perſon, who wrote to him. But if the Committee would allow him Five or Ten Minutes, he would go and endeavour to obtain it.*——Upon his withdrawing, ſeveral Speches were made, reflecting very much upon theſe Gentlemen, as to the Deſign of their coming over about this Affair, and intimating as if they had a bad Intention in bringing over *Mary Hook*'s Mother from *Cheltenham.* This Diſcourſe was put an End to, by Mr. CLELAND's coming in to the Committee; who propoſed, that they ſhould call in, and hear what Mr. *Trevanian* had to ſay, concerning this Woman's Character, untill Doctor *Smart* return'd. This Propoſal was complied with. ——But to continue the Thread of Doctor *Smart*'s Evidence, it will be proper to go on in this Place, with the Account he gave.——Being return'd he inform'd them, that the Letter was from the Right Hon. the Counteſs of *Hyndford*, acquainting Him, *That there was ſome malicious Proſecution carrying*

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on in the Hoſpital, *by ſome Surgeons, or Others in that Place, againſt Mr.* CLELAND, *the Surgeon; and that one* Mary Hook, *Daughter to a Bricklayer, in* Cheltenham, *was concerned in it; who had ſworn ſomething ſcandalous againſt Him; deſiring him farther to get Certificates of her Character, and tranſmit them to her.*——Lady *Hyndford*'s Letters in the APPENDIX.

DOCTOR *Smart* acquainted the Committee, That upon the Receipt of this Letter, he went to Mr. *Trevanian*, an Attorney of the ſame Place, (who was very well acquainted with the Character of *Mary Hook*, and her Mother) and communicated to him the Contents of this Letter; and alſo conſulted with ſome other Friends there. It was agreed upon by them, that the Mother might be the moſt likely Perſon to ſift * the Truth of the Matter out of her Daughter: They therefore deſired, that ſhe would go over to *Bath*; and, (as ſhe was entirely deſtitute of Money) gave her Ten Shillings to bear her Charges. Then Doctor *Smart* depoſed before the Committee, as follows, *viz.* "That *Mary Hook*, the Informant, "was believed by the People of *Cheltenham*, to be "a common Proſtitute; and that he had heard her

* Doctor *Smart* (as was before obſerv'd) knew only in general, that there was a malicious Proſecution carrying on againſt Mr. CLELAND, (without being acquainted as to the Particulars;) which makes it the more extraordinary, that the Mayor ſhould take the following Affidavit of Old *Mary Hook*, *viz.* That ſhe was deſired to go over to BATH, to hinder her Daughter from ſwearing a Raviſhment againſt Mr. CLELAND; and that ſhe ſhould be handſomely rewarded for her Pains.—How highly improbable it is, that he ſhould Influence her to do a Thing, which he could know nothing of himſelf.

" her ſpoke of, as ſuch, by Numbers: And that it " was likewiſe by his Deſire, that *Mary Hook*'s " Mother came over to get the Truth out of her " Daughter, in Relation to the Affair of Mr. CLE- " LAND: And that He, together with Mr. *Treva-* " *nion*, thought it would be a kind Office in them, " to make a Journey to *Bath*, and appear Perſon- " ally to her Character: It being the *greateſt Hard-* " *ſhip*, that any HONEST MAN'S GOOD NAME " ſhould ſuffer by ſo *bad a Woman*."——What Doctor *Smart* ſaid, He gave his Oath of, and ſigned.

Mr. *Trevanian* (when he appeared before the Committee) deſired that his Oath might be taken in a judicial Manner; and told them, " That *Mary* " *Hook* had been a common Strumpet ſome Years " in *Cheltenham*; and that ſhe had ſworn before " the Juſtices there, a Rape againſt a young Gen- " tleman of that Place, in order to extort Money " from him; and that he had made up the Differ- " ence with Her, Her Father and Mother, for Five " Shillings: And that he was ſorry ſince he had " made it up; for that it appeared ſo plain againſt " her, that ſhe muſt have ſtood in the Pillory at " leaſt: He declared alſo to the Committee, that " he was employed, by a Gentleman of that Place, " to fill up her Certificate, when ſhe came from " *Cheltenham* to *Bath*, in order to be admitted into " the *Hoſpital*; and that he then told him, he was " much impoſed upon in this Woman's Caſe; for " that, which was call'd the *Leproſy*, was the *Pox*, " or the Conſequences of the *Pox* not rightly cured: " and that he had often heard that the Bath-Wa- " ters were not fit for any, in ſuch Diſorders."—

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Notwithſtanding, he fill'd up the Certificate, and ſhe was ſent over, and taken into the *Hoſpital.*

Mr. *Trevanian* then depoſed before the Committee, "That the Girl bore, in the general, ſo "bad a Character, that, in his Opinion, ſhe was "not to be credited;" And accordingly ſigned his Depoſition.

AFTER he had ſigned it, there were ſeveral impertinent Queſtions likewiſe aſked him, by Mr. *Purlewent:* Among the Reſt; *Sir, allowing what you ſay to be true; Do you believe ſhe will forſwear her herſelf in this Caſe?*—Which Mr. *Trevanian* anſwered, *How can I tell that? But as ſhe has done it already, it is highly probable ſhe will do it again; and, in my Opinion, no Streſs ought to be laid on any Thing ſhe can ſay.* He added, *I ſhou'd imagine, Gentlemen, you have nothing more to do in this Caſe, than to enquire into the Intention Mr.* CLELAND *had in examining theſe Two Women; and whether He is to be credited, as to what He ſays, (together with thoſe Women, produced as Evidences of his being ſent for) or thoſe Two* INFAMOUS, ABONDONED WOMEN, *who have no Senſe of Shame left!*—Then Mr. *Trevanian* withdrew.

OLD *Mary Hook* was then called in; the Subſtance of whoſe Affidavit, ſee in the *Note* to *p.* 27. ——The Rev. Mr. *Walter Chapman* was here of Opinion, That the Oath ſhe was going to take ſhou'd not be admitted, it being ſo different from what Doctor *Smart* told her;—*Vide the ſame Note.*—— But this was inſiſted upon by the Mayor: And Doctor *Hartley* moreover ſaid, *That when Doctor* Smart's *Evidence was publiſh'd,* Mary Hook's *likewiſe*

wiſe ſhould be publiſh'd againſt it; and then it will be ſeen which will be moſt believed by the World.—And Mr *Griſt*, in a *zealous Fit*, ſnapping his Fingers, called to Mr. CLELAND,—*Get over that if you can.*

Mr. CLELAND hearing Mr. *Purlewent* aſking Old *Mary Hook* Queſtions upon her Oath, directly oppoſite to what thoſe two Gentlemen from *Cheltenham* had ſworn, He deſir'd the Committee would conſider, That either the Gentlemen, or this Woman muſt have forſworn themſelves.—Upon which Mr. CLELAND was, with ſome Warmth, by the Chairman, ordered out of the Committee-Room. *

WHEN *Mary Hook*'s Mother was giving Evidence, and ſaying, That Doctor *Smart* told her, that her Charges to and from *Bath* ſhould be paid, and that ſhe ſhould be handſomely conſidered; Mr. *Morris*, the Houſe-Apothecary, came round from the other Side of the Table, to the ſaid Old *Mary Hook*, (as ſhe ſtood betwixt the Mayor, and Mr. *Purlewent*) and ſaid to her, *Did you not tell me, that Doctor* Smart *aſſured you, that Mr.* CLELAND

* Mr. *Pierce* (who declined voting upon this Occaſion) upon his with-drawing from the Committee, came into the Surgery, where Doctor *Smart*, and Mr. *Trevanian* were, Mr. *Trevanian* then deſired the Favour of him, to carry a Meſſage from him, to the Committee, namely, That as he heard ſeveral of the Gentlemen had made ſo light of the Evidence given by Him, and Doctor *Smart*, if they would poſtpone the Determination of the Affair to another Day, he would engage to produce any Number of Certificates, (under a Hundred) to the Truth of what they had both ſaid, with regard to *Mary Hook*'s bad Character. Mr. *Pierce* went (as he ſaid) according to Mr. *Trevanian*'s Deſire, and deliver'd the Meſſage. *would*

would handſomely reward you for coming over?—But he was interrupted in what he was going to ſay further by Dr. *Stevenſon*, who took him up for endeavouring *to put Words into her Mouth*; and inſiſted, that the Expreſſion before uſed ſhould be adhered to, viz. *That Doctor* Smart *had told her, ſhe ſhou'd be handſomely conſidered; without ſpecifying the Perſon.*

WHEN this was done, and Mr. CLELAND returned, He aſked ſeveral Queſtions of *Mary Hook*, the Younger, ſuch as, *Did you ever complain I hurt you?*—She anſwered, *No.*——*Did you ever refuſe to come, when I called you?*—She anſwered, *No.*——*If you was ſo much Hurt (as you pretend) the ſecond Time, How came you to let me treat you in the ſame Manner a third Time? And why did you not tell me of my former ill Uſage of you, and refuſe my examining you any more?*——To theſe latter Queſtions ſhe made no other Anſwer, *than that ſhe was afraid.*——She was then aſked, *Who was preſent when ſhe refuſed to come to Mr.* CLELAND *a fourth Time?*—But ſhe remembered nothing of it.——The Committee, being willing to put an End to theſe Queſtions, (finding her Anſwers to them ſo directly contrary to what ſhe had ſworn in her Affidavit, (*vide* Hook's *Affidavit*) called upon the Nurſe to be examined and ſworn, as to what ſhe knew concerning *Mary Hook*'s coming into her Room, or Bed-Place, to be examined by Mr. CLELAND: And it appeared by the Nurſe's Depoſition, that the laſt Time *Mary Hook* was examined, was according to the Tenor of Mr. CLELAND's Narrative, *viz.* on the 19th of *Auguſt*; and ſoon after

Appleby's

Appleby's being dreſs'd: And this being the only Time Mr. CLELAND ever examined her in that Place; tho' ſhe has ſworn it was a Fortnight before, in Contradiction to what the Nurſe (to the beſt of His Remembrance) depoſed; and He Himſelf ſets forth in his Narrative, *viz.* on the 19th of *Auguſt*, as above. And here it may not be improper to obſerve, that it was, with the utmoſt Difficulty, Mr. CLELAND could perſuade Mr. *Purlewent* to write down, in the Nurſe's Depoſition, that when ſhe left her Room, or Bed-Place, *Sarah Appleby* was then lying upon the Bed, out of her Fits, when Mr. CLELAND examined *Mary Hook* the laſt Time: [*See Mr.* CLELAND's *Nar. p.* 21] He, the ſaid *Purlewent*, being extreamly deſirous, by this Omiſſion, to have it thought he was in the Room with her, by Himſelf.

THEN the Committee deſired to know of *Mary Hook*, What Evidence ſhe had to produce of her being hurt, and bringing down of Blood? She called a Patient in the ſame Ward, (whoſe Name I do not remember) to whom ſhe ſhewed her Shift, with ſome Marks of Blood upon it. But Mr. CLELAND declares He never ſaw, nor knew of any Thing of this Fact, tho' *Mary Hook* inſiſted upon it, with great Impudence, but did not remember the Time when it happened; neither did ſhe know, upon her being aſk'd by Mr. CLELAND, whether he examined her with one Finger or more, tho' ſhe ſwears to Fingers in her Affidavit. The Nurſe being aſked by Mr. CLELAND, *If ſhe knew any Thing of* Mary Hook's, *and the other Girls flying away, and hiding themſelves, when ſhe came into the Ward?*

Ward? She answered, *That she never saw it, nor ever heard any Thing about it.*—Tho' this is likewise positively sworn to, in *Mary Hook*'s Information.

Mr. CLELAND (being asked by the Mayor what he had to say concerning *Mary Hudson*'s Information) he desired it might be read, and the bare Reading, he believ'd, would be sufficient to confute it, and to prove that the Terms, in which it was couched, could not be mitigated from the Imputation of Perjury: For if a Person swears to a Thing that is false in Fact, or positively to a Thing, tho' true in Fact, yet if such a Person cannot know any Thing of the Reality of that Fact, it will have the same Consequence. And in this Case, she swears *positively* that Mr. CLELAND did so; and immediately adds, *she was at the same Time* INSENSIBLE *of what he did:* Then gives Evidence of her *own Falshood*, by subjoining, *she was* TOLD *so, and believes it.* But it being objected to by several of the Committee, that she had not perjur'd herself, Mr. CLELAND insisted upon her Depositions being read; which was done accordingly. * However, they did not think proper to bring her down, nor examine her farther into this Affair.

THEN Mr. CLELAND acquainted the Committee, That He had several Persons ready to be called in, to prove that *Mary Hudson* was a *Cheat*, an *Impostor*, a great *Liar*, had *miscarried by taking of*

* And none present contradicted what Mr. CLELAND said, except Doctor *Harrington*, who indeed said, It might have been better worded, and that she, (*Mary Hudson*) had explained in the latter Part, what she had positively sworn to in the First.

Medicines,

Medicines, and that *no Credit* ought to be given to any Thing ſhe could ſay. He likewiſe deſired, that Mr. *Buſby*'s Letter might be read, which was accordingly done, and is as follow:

To Mr. CLELAND,

" SIR,

" ACCORDING to your Requeſt, I ſend you the " following Account of *Mary Hudſon*.

" On *Friday* the 29th Day of *October*, 1742, " (by Order of Lady *Cocks*) I went to ſee her at " *Anne Tucker*'s, near *South-Gate*, where I found " her in a violent Fever. She told me, that ſhe " had ſerved Mr. *Maggs*, at the *Angel*, in *Weſt-* " *Gate-Street*; and on her falling Ill was diſcharg- " ed from her Service by Mrs. *Maggs*; who told " me, that ſhe had an Obſtruction of her Menſes, " for three Months paſt; and that on her Reco- " very from the Fever, her Legs ſwell'd, and ſhe " ſtill continuing to complain, that the Obſtruc- " tion was not removed. My Maſter ordered her " two or three Doſes of the Tinctura Sacra, and " by his Order I bled her in the Foot; which not " proving effectual, on the 8th of *February* ſhe " brought a Preſcription from Doctor *Harrington*; " wherein ſhe was ordered to take Pill: Ruff. one " Dram and a Half. Arg. Viv. one Dram Bal. Peru. " Q. S. to make them into Pills. About two Days " after ſhe had the Pills one Mrs. *Weaver*, a Butchers " Wife, (who lodged in the ſame Houſe came to " me, and with great Concern aſked me, *If* Mary " Hudſon *had any Pills from my Maſter's Shop*;

" *for*

" *for she had very just Reason to believe that she had* " *miscarried*; *and by her frequent Fainting and* " *Vomiting, she had long suspected her to be with* " *Child.*—As Mrs. *Weaver* is still living in the same " House, she can give you a particular Relation " of her Conduct in that House; and Mrs. *Maggs*, " (who, I believe, is a very just Woman) I suppose, " will give you her Character for a considerable " Time before. On the 8th of *April*, 1743, Doctor " *Hartley* ordered her an Electuary with Conf. " Cort. Aurant. prepar'd Steel and Ginger, *&c.* " since which Time, I think, I never saw her, 'till " a few Days before her Admittance into the *Hos-* " *pital*; when she was brought (by a Servant of " Lady *Cocks*'s) to my Master, for him to draw " up her Case, to lay before the Gentlemen, who " were the Directors of the *Hospital:* At which " Time she had a Fit, which lasted about a Quar- " ter of an Hour, and seem'd to be of the Hyste- " rick Kind. On my attending her at First, I " found she talk'd very foolishly; which I conclud- " ed was occasioned by her Head being afflicted " by a Fever: But, on my Discoursing with her " afterwards, I found it was owing to a natural " Weakness of her Understanding.

" I am, SIR,

" Your very humble Servant,

MONDAY, *Sept.* 19, 1743. " *Wm. Busby.*"

AFTER this, Mr. CLELAND desired, that the Witneſſes, mentioned in Mr. *Buſby*'s Letter, and Others, might be call'd in, and *Mary Hudſon* brought before them: All which was over-rul'd by the Committee, by the Mayor's ſaying, *There was no Reaſon to call Witneſſes, ſince the Fact ſtood confeſſed by Mr.* CLELAND; neither was *Mary Hudſon* permitted to come down to ſtand an Examination of what ſhe had alledg'd in her Affidavit: So that Mr. CLELAND had no Opportunity of invalidating her Evidence, (if ſuch a Thing could be neceſſary, after ſo groſs a Contradiction of her ſwearing to a Fact, and being inſenſible at the ſame Time) by the many Witneſſes He had ready to produce, to confirm what He had before ſaid of her Character.

ALL the Uſe Mr. CLELAND propoſes to make, by inſerting the above-mentioned Particulars of *Mary Hudſon*, is to convince the Reader, how very improbable it is, He ſhould attempt to examine her againſt her Deſire; as mentioned in the Depoſition: Eſpecially, when it is further conſidered, that two Patients of the *Hoſpital* were ready to ſwear the Contrary, if admitted; and that ſhe herſelf, according to her own Account, was *inſenſible* when it was done.

UPON Doctor *Harrington*'s enquiring of Mr. CLELAND into the Reaſons of his examining thoſe Women, the Firſt, Second, and Third Time, He told Him, (as near as he can remember) *That as to* Mary Hook, *when He was ſent for, He ſuſpected ſhe was with Child, and thereupon examined her in Bed.* But ſometime afterward, on her telling Him, and com-

complaining, that ſhe had a Stoppage in her Water &c. It occurred to him, in Conſequence of his firſt Suſpicion, that there might ſtill be ſomething remaining in the Uterus, that could not be ſo well diſcovered, whilſt ſhe lay in Bed; which made him examine her in an erect Poſture, as any Weight or Swelling of the Uterus, or Preſſure of any Part of it, on the Neck of the Bladder, ſhew themſelves much more plainly in that Situation, than in lying down; as every One but moderately ſkilled in thoſe Enquiries muſt know *.

As to *Mary Hudſon* when ſhe ſent for Mr. CLELAND, He found that all her Complaints, Pain, Emotions, &c. were ſo like *Appleby*'s, that He had Reaſon to believe their Caſes every Way alike; and conſequently, that her Uterus was very probably in the ſame Condition with Her's ‡.

IT was then ſuggeſted by ſome of the Committee, that the Examination of theſe Women was a Crime: Which Mr. CLELAND by no Means did allow of, but wiſhed, (as it had given ſo much Offence) He had not done it, without acquainting the Phyſicians and Surgeons to whom they belong'd: But moreover obſerved, that he thought he ſhould not act up to his Station in the *Hoſpital*, nor conſult the Good of the CHARITY, if he *refuſed* to go upon *all* Calls, either to his *own* or other Gentlemen's Patients, *when deſir'd*.

* The Second Examination was only obſerving the Scurf and Scales upon her Skin, Outwardly. *Vid. the* Nar. *p.* 20.

‡ *Vide the* Nar. *p.* 23.

He was then ordered by the Chairman to withdraw. After which Doctor *Oliver* gave a ſuccinct Account of the whole Affair, that had been before them; wherein he did not mention one Syllable of Mr. Cleland's having an immodeſt Intention, in his ſeveral Examinations of theſe Women. When the Chairman had ſumm'd up all the Evidences, the Mayor propoſed the Firſt Queſtion to be, *Whether Mr.* Cleland *had been guilty of a* Crime, *or not?*—To which Doctor *Stevenſon* replied, *That he thought the Word,* Crime, *was abundantly too harſh; and deſired that a milder Expreſſion might be uſed.*—The Word, Misbehaviour, was ſubſtituted in its Room; and accordingly it was thus put to the Vote: When it came to Doctor *Stevenſon*'s Turn to give his Vote, he explained himſelf, by ſaying, *That he no further underſtood it as a* Misbehaviour, *than as Mr.* Cleland *had owned, and wiſhed he had done otherwiſe,* (meaning examining other Surgeons Patients, without acquainting them of it) *tho' there was no Law or Rule in the Houſe broke thro', in what* He *had done.*——The Rev. Mr. *Walter Chapman* gave his Vote in Doctor *Stevenſon*'s Senſe.——The Second and Main Queſtion was then put, *Whether for ſuch* Misbehaviour, *Mr.* Cleland *ſhould be* Dismissed, *or* Reprimanded?——And it was carried, Dismiss'd, 13 to 4.

Those that voted for Mr. Cleland, were the Rev. Mr. *Walter Chapman*, the Rev. Doctor *Bennet Stevenſon*, Mr. *Samuel Buſh*, Apothecary, and Mr. *Stagg*.

Stagg. * As ſoon as this was paſt, Doctor *Oliver*, tho' he had given ſo juſt and impartial a Repreſentation of the whole Affair juſt before, yet was the Firſt that ſign'd his Diſmiſſion; which was afterwards ſigned by the Mayor, and the Reſt in Order.

Mr. CLELAND not being call'd in, or made acquainted with what this *Party* of Governors had done, went into the Committee-Room, and aſked Mr. *Brett*, the Regiſter, their Determination; who deſir'd him to look into the Books, and there He would ſee it: Which he did; and finding they had ſigned ſo *unjuſtifiable a Sentence*, as a *Diſmiſſion*, and no Crime alledged or ſpecified againſt Him, He flew into a Paſſion, and let fall an unguarded Expreſſion: But upon a Reverend Governor's reprimanding Him for it, He immediately aſked Pardon, and deſired Mr. Regiſter to let him have Copies of the whole Proceedings.

THUS cloſed this *extraordinary Scene!* A *Scene*, in which other Perſons are, at the ſame Time, with Mr. CLELAND, glanced at; and marked out as a *Prey* to Detraction:—So keen and enormous is the Appetite of thoſe Two dreadful *Monſters*, *Malice* and *Revenge!*—But this *Step*, it ſeems, was neceſſary to be taken, in order to prevent Mr. CLELAND's Reputation from Riſing, and his Character from gaining Ground.——It was believed, He had per-

* Doctor *Rayner* was ſent for out, and was not return'd when this paſs'd.

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form'd ſome extraordinary Cures; and it was even ſaid, He had prolong'd the Life of Mr. *Brinſden*, a Gentleman who was much known, and had many Friends.——He had practis'd MIDWIFRY with Succeſs:—*He* had ſpoken his Mind *Honeſtly* and *Freely*, in Relation to the particular Management of the BATH-WATERS; and had propos'd a Method of rendering them more uſeful and efficacious to the Sick and Lame, than they now are. Many of the Nobility, and ſeveral eminent Phyſicians and Surgeons had ſeen His Propoſals and Machines, and approved of them. But ſuch Propoſals, in Defiance to Rules and Eſtabliſhments, (practis'd and recommended by the preſent wiſe Men in Power, and perhaps by their Forefathers) were highly *treaſonable*, and rejected *becauſe He was a* Stranger, *and an* Alien *at* BATH, *and too likely (if theſe Schemes had taken Effect) to have Proſper'd and Fatten'd on* Their Soil:—So dangerous is it for a Man to attempt any *Improvements* in his Profeſſion, where the Intereſts of Others are concern'd.——It is upon this Account, that He is now *compell'd* to APPEAL to the PUBLICK, Whether His Conduct and Actions, both in Regard to theſe Women He examin'd, and the Propoſals He made, (which He can with TRUTH and SINCERITY ſay, were *Purely* and *Modeſtly* deſigned, for the *Improvement* of Knowledge, and the *Good* of Mankind) are to be approved of.———But, *Policy* required that a *Party* ſhou'd join in a Body, and endeavour to drive Him from their Territories.——He has accordingly undergone the *Pains* and *Penalties* which have

have been long preparing for Him!—He has been *defamed*, *degraded*, and *diſgrac'd!* Yet He flatters Himſelf, that He ſtill ſtands fair in the Opinion of the PUBLICK, (to whom He offers theſe Sheets) and from whom He looks and hopes for that JUSTICE, *which has been denied Him elſewhere.*

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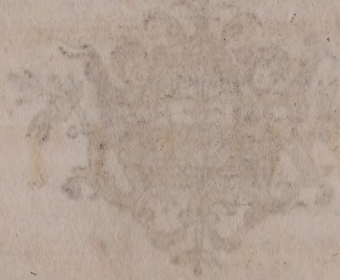

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APPENDIX.

(N° I.)

BATH CITY.

The Information *of* Mary Hook, *one of the Patients in the* General Hoſpital, *at the ſaid City, taken the 7th Day of* September, 1743.

" WHO being examined, upon her " Oath, ſaith, That Mr. ARCHI- " BALD CLELAND, one of the Surgeons " of the ſaid *Hoſpital*, was often aſking

" this Informant her Diſorder: And that
" one Evening, as this Informant was with
" one *Appleby*, deceas'd, the ſaid *Appleby*
" came with the ſaid Mr. CLELAND to this
" Informant's Bed-Side, and aſked her,
" How her Leproſy was, and if He could
" ſee it. She anſwered, No, unleſs ſhe
" unlac'd herſelf. Mr. CLELAND anſwer-
" ed, There was no Occaſion; but put his
" Hands upon her Shoulders, and puſhed
" her down upon the Bed: He took up her
" Coats, and examin'd her Belly, extended
" her Legs, and put his Fingers into her
" Body, but did not hurt her much that
" Time. She further ſaith, He came a
" Second Time, took her into the Nurſe's
" Room, bolted the Door, and uſed her in
" the ſame Manner; and then hurt her ſo
" much, ſhe was not well for a Fortnight,
" and brought down Blood: And ſhe ſaith,
" the ſaid Mr. CLELAND treated her a
" Third Time, in the ſame Manner: And
" ſhe further ſaith, He came a Fourth
" Time, and called to this Informant, but
" ſhe refuſed to come to him. Upon that
" the ſaid Mr. CLELAND came to this In-
" formant, and deſired to let him know
" her Caſe the next Time; and that He
" would examine her, and be of Service
" to her: And ſhe ſaith, the ſaid Mr.
" CLELAND hath been here ſeveral Times
" ſince: And ſhe ſaith, That ſhe and the
" other Girls always fly from Him: And
" ſhe

" ſhe ſaith, The Night before *Appleby* died,
" ſhe, this Informant, watched with her;
" and that the ſaid *Apyleby* took her by the
" Hand, and beg'd her, for God's Sake,
" that He, meaning Mr. CLELAND, might
" never touch her more; for that He would
" bring her into the ſame Way; and ſaid,
" *Appleby* wiſhed ſhe had never been under
" his Care; for that he had done her Buſi-
" neſs. And ſhe laſtly ſaith, That it was
" contrary to her Deſire that Mr. CLELAND
" uſed her in the Manner aforeſaid; and
" ſhe ſaith, That Mr. *Wright* was then
" Surgeon to this Informant.

" The Mark of *Mary* ‡ *Hook*.

" *Sworn at the City afore-*
" *ſaid, the Day and Year*
" *above-written, before*
" *Me,*

Ralph Allen.

N°. 2.

BATH CITY.

The INFORMATION *of* Mary Hudſon, *one of the Patients in the* General Hoſpital *of the ſaid City, taken on her Oath this 7th Day of* September, 1743.

" WHO being Examined upon her " Oath, ſaith, That about three " Weeks ago, (as this Informant beſt re- " membreth) ARCHIBALD CLELAND, " One of the Surgeons belonging to the ſaid " *Hoſpital*, came ſeveral Times to this In- " formant, and aſked her her Complaints: " And that ſoon after being taken with Fits " as uſual, and He the ſaid CLELAND be- " ing then in the Room, (the Nurſe ſtand- " ing by) He immediately upon her inform- " ing that ſhe had a conſtant Pain between

" the

" the Belly and Stomach; He, the ſaid
" CLELAND put his Hands into the Bed,
" where this Informant lay, and put his
" Finger up her Body; at which Time ſhe
" was then, thro' her Diſorder, *inſenſible*,
" what He did, but ſhe was *inform'd* He
" did uſe her in Manner aforeſaid, by
" Mr. *Wright* Surgeon: And ſhe ſaith,
" That ſhe believeth it to be true; and the
" rather, becauſe the ſaid Mr. CLELAND,
" Two ſeveral Times after, treated this In-
" formant in the ſame Manner, which ſhe
" ſaith He did contrary to the Deſire of this
" Informant.

" *Mary Hudſon.*

" *Sworn at the City aforeſaid, the Day and Year above-written, before Me,*

Ralph Allen.

TO

TO

Dr. *Smart*, at *Cheltenham*.

" SIR, *Bath, Saturday Night, 17 Sept.*

" I Writ to you on *Wedneſday*, which went by a Gentleman that promis'd it ſhould be deliver'd on *Saturday:* The Import of my Letter was to get a Character of the Woman, whoſe Name is inclos'd; for ſhe, with another Woman of the *Hoſpital* here, has been drawn in to ſwear the moſt Falſe and Scandalous Things againſt Mr. CLELAND, the Surgeon, with a Deſign to ruin Him, both in his Good Name, and Bread: His Tryal comes on, on *Wedneſday* next: He had no Copies of what was ſworn againſt Him; and was ſuſpended from his Office in the *Hoſpital*, and the Womens Oaths taken, without any Intimation of the Accuſation. The other Woman He can prove to be very bad indeed. As you love Truth, I beg you wou'd enquire into this Woman's Character, and get Certificates of the Truth of it, as carefully, and with as little Noiſe as poſſible, and ſend it to me by the Bearer, who is to bring ſome *Cheltenham* Water hither, (there

" being

" being a great Demand for them, and no good to
" be had :) This will ſave you the Trouble of ſend-
" an Expreſs, as I deſired in my Laſt : So write
" and ſend by the Bearer the moſt diſtinct Account
" you can get, about her, to help to clear this
" Honeſt Man ; for, in my Opinion, the *Spaniſh*
" Inquiſition never form'd a more villainous and
" cruel Scheme of Malice, than what is carrying
" on againſt this innocent Man. If the Bearer is
" here on *Tueſday* Night, or early on *Wedneſday*
" Morning, he will come in due Time ; ſo keep
" him 'till you have done your beſt, to be well
" inform'd in what is deſir'd ; but ſo that he may
" be here at the Time I have mentioned. I am
" thus particular, in caſe the laſt miſcarried.

" *In Haſte,*

" *S I R,*

" *Your moſt humble Servant,*

" Eliz. Hyndford."

TO

TO

Mr. CLELAND, *Surgeon.*

" SIR, *Bath, Nov.* 18.

" SOME Time ago you aſk'd my Leave to " publiſh my Letter to Doctor *Smart*, which " I freely gave you; but upon conſidering the un- " wearied Malice of your Proſecutors, who ſpare " no Pains, nor ſtick at any Methods, tho' ever ſo " vile, to accompliſh your Ruin; even daring to " attack the unblemiſh'd Characters of Others: " Witneſs their bringing in an old Woman to their " *pretended Court of Juſtice*; *inſtructed* and pub- " lickly *prompted*, by one of your *Judges*, to ſwear " that Doctor *Smart* had promiſed her a Reward in " your Name, if ſhe wou'd prevail with her Daugh- " ter to deny what ſhe had ſworn againſt you, *&c.* " and this, after Doctor *Smart*, and Mr. *Trevanian* " had given Evidence as to the bad Characters, " both of Mother and Daughter, and had been " baited, like Knights of the Poſt for ſo doing:

" Doctor

" Doctor *Smart* had alſo declared, that I was the " only Perſon who had writ to him on this Subject. " Can theſe Proceedings bear any other Conſtruc- " tion than this, *viz.* their Keeneſs to get rid " of the Weight of theſe two Gentlemen's Evi- " dences, which ſtruck at the Root of the whole " Scheme, without conſidering that this extraor- " dinary Method, carried not only Perjury along " with it; but alſo an impudent Suggeſtion that I " was the Perſon who had directed this Piece of " Management to Doctor *Smart*. As no other but " myſelf had writ to him on the Subject; add to " this, that your Proſecutors give out, that theſe " two Gentlemen had perjur'd themſelves; and " that Doctor *Smart* had counterfeited a Lady of " Quality's Hand, to conceal what Inſtructions he " got from *Bath*, about this Inquiry: And I am " certainly inform'd, there are very odd Dealings " going on juſt now at *Cheltenham*, to find out " ſome Dirt, and throw upon theſe Gentlemen's " Characters; tho' no two Men in the County " have better Characters to my certain Know- " ledge.

" All theſe Things conſider'd, I think it proper " to give you Leave, under my Hand, to publiſh " my Letter, and alſo this, that there may be no " more Room to propogate their black Inventions " on this Article, (Black indeed, as the Heart that " contrived the Story of the Negro Wench) which " muſt make them the Deteſtation of all good " Hearts.—As Examining is the Word, I wiſh ſome " of them wou'd examine their own Characters; " they wou'd certainly find the Proverb touch them,

" *about*

" *about Houſes made of Glaſs, and throwing of* " *Stones.*——But, Sir, it may be your Comfort, " that, at your Tryal, the Honeſt few were all on " your Side; and had the Noble Lord that is their " Preſident, been there, he wou'd certainly have " protected your Innocence, as He did in *Pierce*'s " firſt Attempt againſt You; but that cou'd not " be, for they wou'd never have dared to bring " ſuch Dirty Work into his Preſence.

I am,

SIR,

Your humble Servant,

Eliz. Hyndford.

FINIS.

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" about Hedges made of Gilds, and throwing of
" Stones.——But, Sir, it may be your Comfort,
" that, at your Trial, the Honest few were all on
" your Side; and had the Noble Lord that is their
" Prelident, been there, he won'd certainly have
" protected your Innocence, as He did in Pierce's
" first Attempt against You; but that con'd not
" be, for they won'd never have dared to bring
" such Dirty Work into his Presence.

I am,

SIR,

Your humble Servant,

Phiz. Hyndford.

FINIS.

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